Non-tariff Barriers on Indian Exports

3841. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the action taken to oppose non-tariff barriers by Western countries to restrict exports from India; and

(b) the other steps proposed to highlight cases where Indian exporters were subjected to unnecessary harassment at the hands of their foreign buyers at the WTO round of talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) and (b) The problem arising due to non-tariff barriers are duly taken up with the concerned authorities of the countries concerned bilaterally with a view to their early and mutually satisfactory resolution. Certain issues, that are not resolved this way, have been taken up for resolution through WTO's Mechanism. In the WTO negotiations, India has co-sponsored proposals along with some other developing countries to disallow use of measures by developed countries that make exports difficult for developing countries.

Mauritius' Investment in India

3842. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of leading first five countries on direct investment in India;

(b) whether Mauritius is on the top;

(c) if so, how Mauritius being a small economy, is able to invest in India a larger sum as compared to well known economies; and

(d) If so, what is Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN) : (a) and (b) the top 5 countries investing in India during the last 5 years are given below. Mauritius has been the largest investor during this period.

(Rupees in crore)

No.	Country	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
1.	Mauritius	2277	3664	2902	1891	3192
2.	USA	948	2578	1371	1811	1442
3.	Japan	301	391	781	636	681
4.	Germany	473	569	627	198	334
5.	U.K.	181	332	221	396	257

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